

## NEWS FROM THE FIELD

### MEDICAL MEMORIAL FUND

A new foundation has been organized for medical research covering all diseases and all medical problems. Known as the Medical Memorial Fund, its aim is to see that all problems which are most in need of investigation receive more adequate attention than at present. Because the greatest need at this time is for research on the cardiovascular-renal diseases and on aging, these fields are particularly emphasized in the Fund's research program.

Research grants will be made by a Scientific Committee aided by Subcommittees on Heart and Arteries, Hypertension, Nephritis, Arthritis and Rheumatism, Gerontology, Cancer, and Senile Psychiatry, as well as 15 special consultants. About 50 of the foremost American medical scientists will cooperate in making decisions about the disbursal of grants.

Officers of the Fund are:

*Chairman*—Harlow Shapley, Ph.D., Harvard College Observatory

*President*—Henry S. Simms, Ph.D., College of Physicians and Surgeons

*Vice Presidents*—Russell L. Cecil, M.D., Cornell Medical College; J. Murray Steele, M.D., Goldwater Memorial Hospital

*Secretary*—Marvin R. Thompson, Ph.D., Connecticut

*Treasurer*—Guy Emerson, Bankers Trust Company

Dr. Steele also serves as *Medical Director* of the Fund.

In addition to the President, Vice President, Medical Director, and Secretary, the Scientific Committee includes A. J. Carlson, Ph.D., Harry Goldblatt, M.D., Theodore G. Klumpp, M.D., Chauncey D. Leake, Ph.D., William deB. MacNider, M.D., D. D. Van Slyke, Ph.D., A. Ashley Weech, M.D., and George H. Whipple, M.D.

In announcing the new Fund, it is indicated that at least \$10,000,000 could profitably be added annually to the support of medical research. Heretofore, about \$5,000,000 has annually been made available by such endowed foundations as Commonwealth, Macy, Markle, Rockefeller, and others. Of this amount, \$94,000 was for research on diseases of the heart and arteries. This represents 17 cents per death; diseases of the kidneys received only 38 cents per death. The problem of aging has been almost entirely neglected; arthritis and rheumatism have received far too little attention.

The Fund will make its chief drive for gifts from the general public, and will accept any amount from \$5 to \$5,000. A donor may make his gift as a memorial to someone who has died. In such case, a dignified memorial certificate is inscribed with the name of the one whose memory is honored as well as the name of the donor. Gifts should be sent to: Medical Memorial Fund, 650 West 165th Street, New York 32.

Physicians are informed that they can aid the Fund either with personal gifts or as agents for the Fund in requesting gifts from their friends and patients.

### NEW TRICHLOROETHYLENE LIMITS

Trichloroethylene in sufficiently high quantities has narcotic properties similar to chloroform. Prolonged or frequently repeated exposure to concentrations higher than 200 p.p.m. may injure the central nervous system and possibly the liver.

According to the latest standard, "Allowable Concentration of Trichloroethylene" (approved August 6, 1946) of the American Standards Association,

200 p.p.m. of air by volume is the maximum allowable concentration of trichloroethylene. This corresponds to 1.07 mg. per liter at 25° C. and 760 mm. Hg for exposures not exceeding a total of eight hours daily. The above standard is available as Z37.19-1946 from the American Standards Association, 70 East 45th Street, New York 17, N. Y. for 30 cents.

#### FOR BETTER HOUSING

According to a recent news release of the National Housing Agency, Office of Housing Expediter, the U. S. Public Health Service will assign engineers to the National Housing Agency to serve as consultants on public health and environmental sanitation in connection with the "Veterans Emergency Housing Program."

A supervising sanitary engineering consultant will be assigned to the N.H.A. headquarters in Washington and a qualified engineer is to be provided for each of the eight regional N.H.A. offices. Training by the Public Services Division of N.H.A. will be given to each staff consultant prior to his assignment.

When assigned to the regional offices the engineers will work under the direction of the regional expeditors and in collaboration with the Land and Public Health Services Specitlist of the region.

#### NEW SANITARY LABORATORY AT JOHNS HOPKINS

The opening of a new Sanitary Laboratory in the Department of Sanitary Engineering is announced by Dr. Abel Wolman, Professor of Sanitary Engineering, The Johns Hopkins University. These laboratories are designed for graduate study in research in sanitary engineering and water resources problems, particularly with those relating to the chemistry and biology of water supplies, sewage dis-

posal systems, polluted waters, industrial wastes, and the ecology of estuaries. Courses offered in the laboratories will complement those offered by Professor Wolman and Associate Professor Geyer by furnishing formal and research training in the bacteriological, biological, and chemical techniques basic to sanitary engineering. A unique feature of the work is the extension of facilities for mutual study of water resources problems by those interested in conservation, waterways improvement, shellfish, and others involved in the control of public waters.

The new laboratories will be in charge of Dr. Charles E. Renn, lately Associate Biologist of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Sanitary Engineering, and Lecturer in Sanitary Biology, Harvard University.

#### MONTANA MAKES A PLAN

In April, 1946, Dr. B. K. Kilbourne became Executive Officer of the Montana State Board of Health. Shortly thereafter there was published by the State Board of Health "Public Health Services in Montana: Organization and Functions of County or District Health Units." In addition to a discussion of organization and functions, this bulletin reproduces the map of the suggested districting into health units of Montana as proposed in the volume *Local Health Units for the Nation*. It also includes Montana's 1945 enabling legislation for county and district health units and has a section each on Coöperation with other Agencies and on How is a County or District Health Unit Obtained?

#### LOCAL HEALTH UNITS FOR THE NATION IN THIRD PRINTING

The Commonwealth Fund reports that the second printing of *Local Health Units for the Nation* is so nearly exhausted that a third printing of 2,000 copies has been ordered. Up to the

end of September, 1946, nearly 3,000 copies had been distributed.

The volume is available at \$1.25 through the Association's Book Service.

#### HEALTH EDUCATION FELLOWSHIPS

The U. S. Public Health Service has just announced that sixteen fellowships in health education have been allocated from funds made available to the Public Health Service from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. In making this announcement Surgeon General Thomas Parran of the U. S. Public Health Service said that nine states and Puerto Rico were represented by the individuals.

In addition to nine months of academic study, each student will have three months of field training in a health department under supervision of a public health educator. Upon satisfactory completion of the year's work, a Master's degree in Public Health Education will be granted.

The awards made this year bring to a total of 57 those who have received this distinction since they were made available in 1944. The winners of this year's award were selected from a total of 200 candidates who applied for consideration to the Training Committee on Public Health Education of the U. S. Public Health Service.

#### CUTTER LECTURE

The Harvard School of Public Health announces that Sir Lionel Whitby, Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Cambridge, England, will deliver the Cutter Lecture on Preventive Medicine on November 6, 1946, at 5 p.m. in Amphitheatre D of the Harvard Medical School. Sir Lionel Whitby has chosen as his subject, "The Hematological Effects of Irradiation." The Cutter Lectures on Preventive Medicine have been held since 1912, according to the terms of the will of Dr. John Clarence Cutter, of the class

of 1877, which directed that they should be "free to the medical profession and to the press." In addition, medical and public health students and others interested are cordially invited to attend.

#### MENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM IN CALIFORNIA

The California State Board of Health will establish a mental hygiene program in the department and will organize demonstrations in preventive mental hygiene service in local departments. A psychiatric consultant will be added to the Division of Preventive Medicine to develop the program. Through in-service training demonstrations and lay and professional education, it will attempt to make mental health and psychiatric principles a part of public health and medicine. The new project is made possible by a two year grant from the Commonwealth Fund of New York with the possibility that the period may be extended.

#### INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE TO COÖRDINATE MEDICAL TRAINING FILM PRODUCTION

An announcement has been made by the U. S. Public Health Service, the Veterans Administration and the War and Navy Departments that an Interdepartmental Committee for the Coordination of Medical Training Film Production has been established. The committee aims to develop production facilities and programs in such a manner as to eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort. All visual aids to be produced are classified under a few headings, each representing a general field of knowledge pertinent to medicine and public health. Certain agencies possess facilities and subject material suitable for each field of knowledge and the appropriate agency is designated by the committee in each instance to produce the aid required.

It is stated to be the aim of the committee to make available in the future for loan to suitable groups motion pictures or other visual aids as far as possible within the legal limits imposed on each visual aid produced. A meeting of the interdepartmental group was held in Washington September 12.

#### GORGAS MEDAL AWARDED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL KELSER

The Gorgas Medal, sponsored by Wyeth, Inc., of Philadelphia, and awarded annually by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States for outstanding work in preventive medicine, will go this year to Brigadier General Raymond A. Kelsner. General Kelsner, who served as Director of the Veterinary Division of the Surgeon General's Office during World War II, is being honored for his work in eradicating rinderpest, a disease of cattle, in the Philippine Islands, making it possible for Filipinos to have their own domestic milk supply.

General Kelsner is now Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is Chairman of the Standard Methods Committee on Biology of the Laboratory Animal, of the Laboratory Section of the A.P.H.A.

#### NURSE RECRUITMENT DRIVE

National and local advertising support valued at several hundred thousand dollars has been donated during the past four months in behalf of a special campaign designed to alleviate the nation's critical nurse shortage, it was announced recently by the Advertising Council, New York.

The campaign, sponsored by the Council in coöperation with the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, and by nursing and hospital groups as well as Blue Cross Plans, has been aimed at filling the thousands of existing vacancies in schools of nursing

throughout the country in the belief that increasing the enrollment of student nurses will not only provide urgently needed help for many hospitals at this time but may also help in guaranteeing sufficient trained nurses in the period ahead.

The Council states that more than 100 leading radio programs on the four major networks carried special recruiting messages.

At the present time, nearly all of the 6,511 United States hospitals (not including Army, Navy, and Veterans' Administration hospitals) have patient waiting lists. In New York City alone, 2,000 beds were closed recently in municipal and private hospitals due to a lack of sufficient nursing personnel. As a result of the passing of a bill committing government expenditures of \$75,000,000 a year for a period of 5 years, plans for building new hospitals and health centers are now under way. Thousands of nurses will be needed to staff these new hospitals.

#### INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN TROPICAL MEDICINE

A gift of \$250,000 for a new Institute for Research in Tropical Medicine to be established in Liberia was announced by Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., President of The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company at a banquet given by the Consul General of Liberia, Frederick A. Price, in New York, on September 19, commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Liberia. Guests included State Department and other government officials, foreign diplomats, and medical, educational and religious leaders.

The American Foundation for Tropical Medicine favorably received a proposal that it operate the new institute which will be erected and equipped with the Firestone gift. University members of the Foundation which will carry out

the work of the institute include: Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Stanford, Tulane, California, Southern California, Duke, Chicago, Michigan, the Long Island College of Medicine, and the New York University College of Medicine.

#### NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE LECTURES TO THE LAITY

The New York Academy of Medicine has announced the Twelfth Series of Lectures to the Laity for 1946-1947 with the theme of "Medicine in the Postwar World." The program on October 31 included an address by Major-General Norman T. Kirk on "The Role of the Medical Man in War." Future sessions which have been scheduled are:

- November 14—The Atom in Medicine—Arthur K. Solomon, Ph.D.
- December 12—Are Parents Necessary?—Rene A. Spitz, M.D.
- January 9—What the Wars' Experiences Have Taught Us in Psychiatry—Nolan D. C. Lewis, M.D.
- January 23—American Pioneering in Psychiatry—Howard W. Haggard, M.D.
- February 13—Anti-Infectious Agents of Natural Origin—Rene J. Dubos, Ph.D.

#### NEUROPSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE AND WALTER HAYNES FOUNDATION CREATED

A Neuropsychiatric Institute has been created at the Medical College of Alabama in Birmingham to be located in the school's teaching hospital, the Jefferson and Hillman, which will house on one floor the newly formed Department of Neurosurgery, Neurology and Psychiatry and all patients of the Institute. Diagnostic, therapeutic, research, and teaching services of the Institute will be available to the profession at large. This Neuropsychiatric Institute has been made possible by the Walter Haynes Foundation, which will subsidize study and research in addition to the activities of the Institute. The Walter Haynes Foundation, for which

charter papers were filed July 8, was created by Dr. Walter Haynes, Professor and Chief of the newly created Department of Neurosurgery, Neurology and Psychiatry and Director of the Neuropsychiatric Institute. It aims to promote research, education, and training in the fields of neurosurgery and neurology as well as to subsidize the Institute.

#### PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON CHEMISTRY AND TOXICOLOGY FORMED

The creation of a new professional Committee on Chemistry and Toxicology, headed by Henry F. Smyth, Jr., Ph.D., Senior Fellow of the Mellon Institute (Pittsburgh), has been announced by the Industrial Hygiene Foundation. Members of the new committee are:

- Francis R. Holden, Ph.D., Pittsburgh, Committee Secretary
- E. C. Barnes, East Pittsburgh
- W. R. Bradley, New York
- Warren A. Cook, Chicago
- D. D. Irish, Ph.D., Midland, Mich.
- F. A. Patty, Detroit
- D. A. Russell, Youngstown
- H. H. Schrenk, Ph.D., Pittsburgh
- W. P. Yant, Sc.D., Pittsburgh

#### NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE MEETING

The Committee on Public Health Relations of the New York Academy of Medicine is sponsoring a joint meeting of the New York Society for Medical History and the Section of Historical and Cultural Medicine of the New York Academy of Medicine to be held on November 8 at 8:30 p.m. in the Academy building at 2 East 103 Street.

James Alexander Miller, M.D., Chairman of the Committee on Public Health Relations will preside. A paper on "Eighty Years of Public Health in New York City" will be presented by Israel Weinstein, M.D., the Commissioner of Health, City of New York, and the discussion period will be led by Harry S. Mustard, M.D.

#### ORGANIZATION FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS FORMED

The Association for the Advancement of Research in Multiple Sclerosis has been organized by a group of sponsors including Mrs. Wendell Willkie, William J. Norton, Secretary of the Children's Fund of Michigan, Senator Brien McMahon of Connecticut, and eight other business and professional men. Its purpose is to combat multiple sclerosis, a mysterious malady that affects the nervous system with crippling effects. Neither the cause nor the cure of this disease is known.

A membership drive is the first objective of the Association. By enrolling as many sclerosis sufferers as possible it hopes to determine the prevalence of the disease. At present there are no statistics giving the overall picture, although it is thought possible that "sclerosis victims may outnumber infantile paralysis sufferers."

The association will further coordinate research efforts, serve as a clearing house for information, educate the public on the problem, and provide funds to stimulate and support research.

The budget of the Association has been underwritten for two years by its sponsors. Its headquarters are at the New York Academy of Medicine, 2 East 103rd Street, New York. Chairman of the Board of Directors is Carl W. Owen of the law firm of Owen, Willkie, Otis, Farr and Gallagher. Honorary Chairman is Dr. Tracy Jackson Putnam, Director of Neurology and Neurological Surgery of the Neurological Institute in New York. Among its Medical Advisory Board of 20 are: Dr. Leo Alexander of Massachusetts State Hospital, Dr. Roger I. Lee, retiring President of the American Medical Association, Dr. Thomas M. Rivers, Director of the Hospital of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, Dr. Ernest L. Stebbins, Dean of the School of Hygiene of Johns Hopkins

University, and Dr. Henry Woltman of the Mayo Clinic. The Board will be enlarged from time to time to include persons working directly in the field of sclerosis research.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

Public health engineers across the country are receiving questionnaires from J. Lloyd Barron, C.E., chairman of the Committee on Engineering Administrative Practice of the Conference of Municipal Public Health Engineers. He is seeking their proposals on the personnel, functions and costs of an ideal environmental sanitation division for various population levels. The purpose of the project is to obtain information needed to clarify organizational requirements in this field of public health.

#### DONATION TO ASSOCIATION LIBRARY

Through the generosity of Millard Knowlton, M.D., the Association is the recipient of several volumes of public health works that were formerly part of Dr. Knowlton's library. Included among the books are copies of the *American Journal of Public Health* from May, 1918, to June, 1919. Of particular interest are Volumes I and II of the *Journal of Health* for the years 1830 and 1831 published in Philadelphia. Volume I has a frontispiece of an engraving of Benjamin Rush, M.D., autographed by Dr. Rush.

#### APPOINTMENTS IN U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service, has announced several recent appointments of physicians. Among these are the designation of Dr. James A. Crabtree, Deputy Surgeon General, effective September 1; Dr. C. L. Williams, Chief, Bureau of State Services, and Dr. L. R. Thompson, Associate Chief, also effective

tive September 1; Dr. H. E. Hilleboe, Assistant Chief, Bureau of State Services, effective September 11, and Dr. W. Palmer Dearing, Chief, Division of Commissioned Officers, effective September 6.

Two newly created divisions have been announced, one the Research Grants Division, whose Chief is Dr. Cassius J. Van Slyke, whose appointment was effective August 12. The other is the Division of Hospital Facilities, of which the Chief is Dr. Vane M. Hoge, whose appointment was announced August 16.

#### DR. TURNER JOINS N.F.I.P. STAFF

The appointment of Clair E. Turner, Dr.P.H., formerly of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology faculty, Cambridge, Mass., as Assistant to President Basil O'Connor of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has been announced. Dr. Turner is well known in the field of health education, having recently served as Visiting Professor of Health Education at the University of California School of Public Health, Berkeley, as Chief Health Education Officer for the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, and as Consultant for the Illinois and Kansas State Departments of Health.

#### OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

##### MODEL LOCAL HEALTH UNIT

A scale model of a local health department set-up was the key exhibit of the State Health Department at the Oklahoma State Fair in September. The work of a well planned city, county, or city-county health unit was divided into nine categories: maternal and child health, nursing, nutrition, sanitary engineering, laboratory, communicable disease, health education, preventive dentistry, and vital statistics. The display was prepared in answer to a number of requests from municipal organizations that are interested in

building such units under the provisions of the federal Hospital Construction Act.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXPANDS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Gaylord W. Anderson, M.D., Dr.P.H., Mayo Professor and Director of the School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, has announced the following new appointments and promotions in the School of Public Health:

The appointment of Margaret Taylor, R.N., as Associate Professor of Public Health and Director of the Course in Public Health Nursing. Miss Taylor will succeed Ruth Freeman who has joined the staff of the American Red Cross in Washington. She will begin her appointment effective January 1 from her present position as Chief Consultant Nurse in the Tuberculosis Program of the U. S. Public Health Service, Washington. Formerly Miss Taylor was Director of the course in public health at the University of Buffalo.

The appointment of James Hamilton as Professor of Hospital Administration on a part-time basis. Mr. Hamilton has been superintendent of hospitals in Cleveland and New Haven and is a past President of the American Hospital Association and of the American College of Hospital Administrators. He will continue his work in hospital consultation.

The appointment of James Stephan as Associate Professor in Hospital Administration. Mr. Stephan is a graduate of the course in hospital administration at the University of Chicago and has been connected with hospitals in Cleveland and New Haven. He is now Superintendent of the Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio. His appointment is effective January 1.

The promotion of Theodore A. Olson from Assistant Professor to Associate. Mr. Olson has been with the School of

Public Health for Several years in connection with courses in sanitary biology and public health entomology.

YEAR'S TOTAL OF \$700,000 FROM LIFE  
INSURANCE MEDICAL RESEARCH  
FUND

Additional grants in September by the Life Insurance Medical Research Fund brings its allocation of research funds during the first year of its existence to almost \$700,000. The September grants included eight post-graduate and three junior fellowships and three grants-in-aid to universities. The fellowship awards bring the total number to 20, representing \$55,800. The 20 fellows come from 11 states and 2 Canadian provinces, and will engage in medical research at 17 different institutions. Grants-in-aid for research amount to \$633,600 for a total of 55 projects.

The Fund is supported by 149 insurance companies in the United States and Canada. All its sponsored research is devoted at present to cardiovascular diseases, the most prevalent single cause of death. In reporting the recent awards, Dr. Francis Dieuaide, Scientific Director, announced that applications for 1947 research fellowships will close on January 1, 1947, for grants-in-aid to be made on January 31.

For additional information about the Fund, see 1946 *Journal*, pages 581 and 952.

HOUSTON IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

The City of Houston, Texas, Board of Education passed a school law effective September 1, 1946, which reads as follows:

Effective as of the beginning of the next scholastic year, September 1, 1946, as a prerequisite to the entrance, for the first time, into the schools within Houston Independent School District by any child or children under the age of ten (10) years, such child or children shall have received the current approved immunization for diphtheria, or a negative

Schick test within twelve months before entering school, and proper evidence thereof shall be furnished by either such child, children, or their parent or parents or guardians, as the case may be.

This law was passed at the request of the local Board of Health. During the month of August, 155,000 stuffers went to citizens throughout the metropolitan area in their light bills warning them that the diphtheria school law would go into effect at the opening of school this year. As a result more than 10,000 very young school children were immunized and thousands of preschool children.

MITE ON MICE CAUSES MYSTERIOUS  
FEVER

A hitherto unknown type of spotted fever, affecting nearly 100 persons in Queens Borough of New York City during the past summer, was identified recently as a new disease spread by the bite of a mite that lives on the bodies of mice. The disease is characterized by fever and rash, with recovery of all cases within 2 weeks. It has been named "rickettsial pox." The discovery was made in the Washington laboratories of the National Institute of Health by Drs. Charles Armstrong and Robert J. Huebner of the U. S. Public Health Service. Dr. Armstrong is Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases of the Institute. The assistance of the Service in diagnosing the disease was requested by the New York City Health Commissioner, Dr. Israel Weinstein.

The mite which spreads the disease, *Allodermanyssus sanguineus*, was found in storerooms and around incinerators of apartment houses in which the disease occurred. It lives on the bodies of mice and spreads the disease through its bite. The new disease follows the pattern of the other seven known rickettsias, depending upon the bite of an insect.



**DR. E. S. ROGERS APPOINTED DEAN AT  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

According to a recent announcement, Edward S. Rogers, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Commissioner for Medical Administration in the New York State Department of Health, Albany, has resigned to accept appointment as Professor of Public Health and Medical Administration and Dean of the School of Public Health of the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Rogers has served as a member of the department staff for 11 years and has been Assistant Commissioner for 5 years. He is a graduate in medicine of the Harvard Medical School and in public health from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. His duties in California will begin in January, 1947, and in the interval he will study the routines in operation in other schools of public health. Dr. Rogers recently has served as Acting Chairman of the Subcommittee on Medical Care of the Committee on Administrative Practice, A.P.H.A., during the absence in Europe of the Chairman, Dr. J. W. Mountin.

**PERSONALS**

**Central States**

HERBERT M. BOSCH, M.P.H.,\* has been appointed Director of the Division of Sanitation of the Minnesota State Department of Health, effective September 16, succeeding H. A. WHITTAKER\* who has resigned to join the staff of the University of Minnesota.

ROBERT E. MATTISON, M.D., formerly of Minneapolis, has been named Assistant Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health, Montana State Department of Public Health in Helena.

ORIANNA McDANIEL, M.D.,† of Minneapolis, retired July 1, ending 50 years of service to the Minnesota Department of Health. She joined the

board first as bacteriologist at the then newly established laboratory. After subsequent promotions, she was made Director of the Division of Preventable Disease in 1921, a position she has held since that time.

HERBERT MOORE† has been discharged after three years of service in the Sanitary Corps of the Army and has returned to his sanitary engineering practice in Milwaukee.

ANDREW NADY, M.D., of Calumet City, Ill., has accepted an appointment in the Department of Medicine and Surgery, Veterans Administration and has assumed the duties of Chief of Tuberculosis Section, Veterans Administration Hospital, Tucson, Ariz. Dr. Nady had been Tuberculosis Control Physician, State of Illinois, since April 1, 1944, and served as Assistant Medical Director of the Tuberculosis Hospital at Oak Forest, Ill., from 1940 to 1944.

**CHANGES IN HEALTH PERSONNEL IN  
INDIANA:**

ROBERT C. ROGERS, M.D., has resigned as Health Officer of Bloomington.

MARTHA A. O'MALLEY, M.D., M.P.H.,\* of Waukon, Ia., has been named Director of the Division of Hospital and Institutional Services of the Indiana State Board of Health.

RICHARD K. SCHMITT, M.D., has been named Health Officer of Columbus, succeeding the late Louie R. Crabtree, M.D.

**Eastern States**

JOSEPH H. BUNZEL† has resigned from the Pittsburgh, Pa. Housing Association to become Associate Professor of Sociology at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., where he will continue interest in public health, with particular reference to housing.

HOWARD REID CRAIG, M.D., has been

appointed Director of the New York Academy of Medicine, effective October 1, succeeding HERBERT B. WILCOX, M.D., who has resigned. Dr. Wilcox has been Director since 1939.

LYMAN C. DURYEA, M.D.,† has been appointed Medical Director of the Research Council on Problems of Alcohol. He has been most recently Medical Director of the Veterans Administration in the State of New York. Previously, Dr. Duryea served as the Director of the Division of Physically Handicapped of the New York City Department of Health. During World War II, he was Assistant Surgeon of the Second Service Command at Governor's Island, N. Y., serving with the rank of Colonel up to December 29, 1945.

WARFIELD GARSON, M.D., Assistant Surgeon of the Field Study Section of the Tuberculosis Control Division of the U. S. Public Health Service, has been appointed Associate Research Specialist in the Department of Microbiology at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. Dr. Garson will work with SELMAN A. WAKSMAN, Ph.D., Professor of the department, and the work will be directed toward the isolation of antibiotics particularly active against the tubercle bacillus.

JOSEPH HIRSH† has been appointed Associate Director of the Research Council on Problems of Alcohol in charge of Education and Public Relations. Prior to coming to the Council, Mr. Hirsh had served first as Field Director of Public Relations, then as Director of Medical Administration of the Veterans Administration for the hospitals and clinics in the State of New York.

ALICE B. KLINE,† home economist, has been added to the Public Rela-

tions Department of the General Foods Corporation in New York, in line with the company's policy of interpreting and bringing to the public essential information on foods and food research. Miss Kline has been associated with the Connecticut Dairy and Food Council.

BERWYN F. MATTISON, M.D.,† resigned August 31 from the position of District State Health Officer in charge of the Kingston area, New York, to assume the duties of Commissioner of Health of the city of Yonkers.

HENRY N. PRATT, M.D.,† has been appointed Administrator of the Memorial Hospital for the Treatment of Cancer and Allied Diseases, New York, a new position created because of the expansion program of the hospital. Dr. Pratt has been instructor in pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, Boston, since his release from army service.

HOWARD A. RUSK, M.D.,† wartime Head of the Army Air Forces Convalescent Services Program, will be in charge of a new Department of Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine at the New York University School of Medicine. Dr. Rusk will continue as Associate Editor of *The New York Times* and Consultant in Medical Rehabilitation to the Medical Director of the Veterans Administration. The new department is an expansion of a Division of Physical Medicine set up last year under a grant of \$250,000 from the Baruch Committee on Physical Medicine and will work closely with the City's Department of Hospitals in establishing and supervising rehabilitation programs in all city hospitals.

FRANCIS H. SLEEPER, M.D., of Boston, Assistant to the Commissioner of Mental Health in Massachusetts, has been appointed Superintendent of the Augusta State Hospital and Con-

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† Member, A.P.H.A.

sultant on Hospitals and Mental Health to the Maine Department of Institutional Service, effective September 1, succeeding FORREST C. TYSON, M.D., who has retired.

JOHN B. WILBUR, Sc.D., Acting Head of the Department of Civil and Sanitary Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been appointed Head of that Department. Dr. Wilbur was also Professor of Structural Engineering prior to this appointment.

### Southern States

W. PALMER DEARING, M.D.,\* has recently been appointed Chief of the Division of Commissioned Officers in the U. S. Public Health Service, with the rank of Medical Director. Dr. Dearing came to the Division of Commissioned Officers in May, 1946, from the Division of Public Health Methods where he had served as Deputy Chief. During the war, he served first as Assistant and later as Chief Medical Officer of the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense. He has also served as personnel officer for the Health Division of UNRRA.

HERMAN E. HILLEBOE, M.D., M.P.H.,\* has recently been appointed to the newly created post of Assistant Chief, Bureau of State Services, U. S. Public Health Service. He will continue to discharge his regular duties as Chief of the Tuberculosis Control Division.

JOHN EDWARD OFFNER, M.D.,† has resigned as State Health Commissioner of West Virginia, effective September 1. He has been succeeded by NEWMAN HOUGHTON DYER, M.D., a practising physician of Bartley, W. Va. Dr. Dyer will soon complete his work for the degree of M.P.H. at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He served as a member of the West Virginia Governor's

Advisory Committee to the Legislative Interim Committee to study public health problems.

WILLARD H. WRIGHT, D.V.M., Ph.D.,\* Chief, Division of Zoology, National Institute of Health, U. S. Public Health Service has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his actions in leading a field party into the zone of military operation in Mindanao and discovering two new regions in which schistosomiasis is prevalent.

### CHANGES IN HEALTH PERSONNEL IN VIRGINIA:

L. J. ROPER, M.D.,\* was appointed State Health Commissioner on September 1, succeeding I. C. RIGGIN, M.D., resigned. Before his appointment to his new position Dr. Roper served as Director of Local Health Administration in the Virginia State Department of Health.

WILLIAM Y. GARRETT, M.D.,† of Eastville, has been named Health Officer of the Norfolk-Princess Anne Health District, succeeding JOHN M. JACKSON, M.D., Manassas.

THOMAS SCARLETT, M.D., formerly Health Officer of Augusta-Rockingham-Harrisonburg Health District, recently returned from medical service in the army, has been assigned as Health Officer of the Fairfax County Health Department, effective May 1.

WILLARD W. GRIGGS, M.D., has resigned as Health Officer of the Page-Warren-Shenandoah Health District, effective May 13.

GEORGE R. CARPENTER, M.D.,† recently returned from duty in Austria, has been appointed Director of the State Bureau of Cancer Control.

SAMUEL C. INGRAHAM, II, M.D., of Richmond, recently released from his duties with the Tuberculosis Division of the U. S. Public Health

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† Member, A.P.H.A.

Service, has been appointed Director of the Tuberculosis Outpatient Service and Crippled Children's Bureau.

THOMAS F. MCGOUGH, JR., M.D.,† of Pulaski, recently released from medical services with the army, has been appointed Health Officer of the Peninsula Health District.

HARRY E. JENKINS, M.D., recently released from service in the navy, has been appointed Health Officer of the Southside Health District of the Virginia Department of Health.

CHARLES G. SOUDER, M.D., D.P.H.,† previously with the Navy and latterly with the American Red Cross, has been appointed Health Officer of the Loudoun County Health District.

SAMUEL S. SHOUSE, M.D., formerly Health Officer of Page-Warren-Shenandoah Health District and recently released from service in the Navy, has been appointed Health Officer of the Charlotte County Health District.

### Western States

J. C. GEIGER, M.D.,\* Director of Public Health, City and County of San Francisco, Calif., recently was presented with an illuminated scroll from the staff of the Department of Health in recognition of his completion of 15 years as Director of Health and for his distinguished leadership in the department.

FRANCIS I. LIVINGSTON, D.D.S., M.S. P.H., resigned in September as Head of the Dental Hygiene Section, Washington State Department of Health, Seattle, to accept the position of Director of the Dental Division, Montana State Board of Health, Helena, as of October 1.

FRED LOE, M.D., has been appointed Secretary of the Nevada State Board of Health, effective September 1, suc-

ceeding EDWARD HAMER, M.D.,† deceased. Dr. Loe served with the U. S. Indian Service from 1914 to May, 1946.

FRANCIS L. MCPHAIL, M.D., of Great Falls, has been elected President of the Montana Public Health Association.

### Canada

G. D. W. CAMERON, M.D., D.P.H.,\* has been appointed Deputy Minister of Health in the Department of National Health and Welfare of Canada succeeding G. BROCK CHISHOLM, M.D.,† who has retired to serve as Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission of the World Health Organization. Since the fall of 1945, Dr. Cameron had been the Department's Director of Health Services and was previously Chief of the Department's Laboratory of Hygiene.

E. C. CRITTENDEN was presented with the Illuminating Engineering Society 1946 Gold Medal at their Convention in Quebec on September 19 for his work as "an effective worker and leader in its technical activities, especially those related to nomenclature, standards, units and measurement of Light."

### Foreign

A. FERNOS-ISERN, M.D.,† who has served for the last 5 years as Commissioner of Health in the Insular Department of Health, Puerto Rico, has resigned to accept appointment as Resident Commissioner for Puerto Rico in Washington, D. C. ANGEL M. MARCHAND, M.D., M.P.H.,† is Acting Commissioner of Health for the present.

COL. ARTHUR R. HARRIS of the U. S. Army, became President of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the Inter-American Educational Foundation on August 6. He has

spent considerable time as Military Attache to the Latin American Republics and last served in Argentina from June, 1945, to March, 1946.

**HENRY R. O'BRIEN, M.D.,\*** Senior Surgeon (R), U. S. Public Health Service, has completed a tour of duty with UNRRA in which he saw service in the Middle East, Australia, the Philippines, Malaya and Shanghai. He is now in Washington with the Office of International Health Relations, U.S.P.H.S., where he is especially concerned with educational schedules for foreign public health workers and physicians visiting the United States.

### Deaths

**JAROSLAV DRBOHLAV, M.D., D.P.H.,†** former Rockefeller Fellow, known for his work on amebiasis, tularemia and malaria, died recently at the age of 53 years in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Dr. Drbohlav has served as Head of the Diagnostic Service of the Czechoslovak Health Institute and Vice-President of the American Institute of Prague and most recently as Assistant Professor of Bacteriology at the Charles University in Prague.

**LOUIS MARTIN, M.D.,** Honorary Director of the Pasteur Institute, died in Paris, June 13.

**WILLIAM C. WELLING,\*** Director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Connecticut State Department of Health, died on August 19.

### CONFERENCES AND DATES

American Academy of Allergy—Annual Convention. Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, N. Y. November 25–27.

American Public Health Association—74th Annual Meeting. Headquarters—Public Auditorium, Cleveland, O. November 12–14.

Meetings of related organizations, November 11:

American School Health Association

Association of Maternal and Child Health Directors

Association of Reserve Officers of the U. S. Public Health Service

Conference of Municipal Public Health Engineers

Conference of Professors of Preventive Medicine

Conference of State Directors of Health Education

Conference of State Sanitary Engineers

Conference of State and Provincial Public Health Laboratory Directors

Council of State Directors of Public Health Nursing

National Advisory Council of Cleveland Health Museum

National Committee of Health Council Executives

Public Health Cancer Association

American Public Welfare Association—Annual Round Table. Baltimore, Md. December 5–8.

American Water Works Association—

New Jersey Section—Chelsea Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J. November 7–9.

Virginia Section—John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Va. November 14–15.

Wisconsin Section—Northland Hotel, Green Bay, Wis. November 15–17.

North Carolina Section—Hotel Carolina, Raleigh, N. C. November 18–20.

Cuban and Florida Sections—Joint Meeting. Havana, Cuba. November 22–24.

Industrial Hygiene Foundation of America, Inc. Pittsburgh, Ill. November 7.

National Dairy Council. Atlantic City, N. J. January 29–31, 1947.

National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Chicago, Ill. December 9–11.

National Society for the Prevention of Blindness—Conference. Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, N. Y. November 25–27.



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